

YATAGAI et al  
Serial No. 10/815,927

Atty Dkt: 4059-21  
Art Unit: 3611

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Cancel claims 33 and 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.
2. Amend independent claim 23 by including therein limitations of allowable dependent claim 33, thereby rendering allowable independent claim 23 and all claims dependent thereon.
3. Amend dependent claims 31 and 32 for consistency with amended independent claim 23.
4. Amend independent claim 36 by including therein limitations of allowable dependent claim 52, thereby rendering allowable independent claim 36 and all claims dependent thereon.
5. Amend independent claim 44 by including therein limitations of allowable dependent claim 33, thereby rendering allowable independent claim 44 and all claims dependent thereon.

#### **B. MISCELLANEOUS**

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

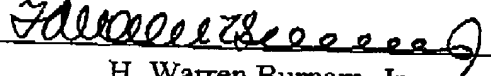
The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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